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#### COAL PRODUCTION IN SOVIET ZONE GERMANY

BROWN COAL OUTPUT CLIMBS -- Die Wirtschaft, No 21, Nov 49

The plan for brown coal production in 1950 called for the production of 123 million tons of crude brown coal and about 32 million tons of briquettes. However, from the figures for the first 9 months of 1949, it appears that these figures will be attained in 1949. In people-owned brown coal enterprises, production for the first 9 months of 1949 was 9.2 percent higher than during the same period in 1948, and about 15 percent higher than during the same period in 1947. Corresponding figures for briquette production are 15.1 percent greater than 1948, and 26 percent greater than 1947. In fact, briquette production for 1949 is 5 percent ahead of the 1950 quotas.

These production increases also have been achieved with fewer workers. In September 1949, the number of brown coal miners was 1,729 less than in September 1948. However, the number of office employees in the enterprises increased by 705 during the same period, because of the greater amount of paper work involved in connection with reports, questionnaires, etc.

Production costs for crude brown coal during the first 9 months of 1949 were 7 percent less than for the same period in 1948, those for briquettes 8.7 percent less. The savings effected amounted to about 28 million marks.

Work productivity per worker per shift showed the following increases for the first 9 months of 1949, in comparison with the same period in 1948: in clearing operations, 11.8 percent; coal mining in open pit mines, 14.5 percent; coal mining underground, 18.0 percent; and production of briquettes, 17.7 percent.

NEW COAL VEIN FOUND IN SACHSEN -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 62, 14 Mar 50

A new coal deposit has been found in the northern part of the Zeitz brown coal sector. Borings to a depth of 131 meters have revealed coal in the so-called Sachsenfeld. It is expected that the new vein will be fully productive by 1960.

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BLACK COAL DEPOSIT DISCOVERED -- Die Wirtschaft, No 9, May 49

The "Arnshain" drillings north of Doborlug-Kirchhain have struck the first deposit of black coal at a depth of 207 meters.

SACHSEN GAS PLANTS TOP QUOTAS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 68, 21 Mar 50

February deliveries of 33,320 tons of black coal from Poland to the 61 gas plants in Land Sachsen enabled these plants to exceed their monthly targets by 14.4 percent. The output of gas in Sachsen in February showed an increase of 22 percent compared with the output for the same month in 1949.

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